

Amendment/Response

Reply to Office action of 12/19/02

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner Tran withdraw the rejections of claims 1-18, and find the application to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, Examiner Tran is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

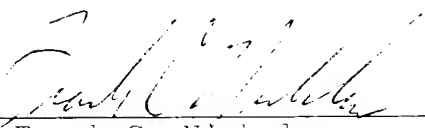
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